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SUBJECT: MODE - TREASURY PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ADDI-
TIONAL CUSTOMS OFFICER POSITION AT LONDON, ELIMINATING ONE
AT ROME

1. LETTER FROM TREASURY DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO ELIMINATE
AN AMERICAN OFFICER POSITION FOR CUSTOMS SERVICE REGIONAL
OFFICE AT ROME AND TO ESTABLISH ONE AT LONDON. LETTER
FURTHER PROPOSES TO PROVIDE AMERICAN CLERICAL SUPPORT BY
CONVERTING AN FSL SLOT TO US STAFFING (LOCAL HIRE) UPON
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RETIREMENT OF THE FSL.

2. EXPLANATION PROVIDED WITH PROPOSAL STRESSES MARKED
INCREASE IN ENFORCEMENT WORK OF LONDON CUSTOMS OFFICE,
PARTICULARLY RELATING TO IRA ACTIVITIES. OFFICER'S RESPON-
SIBILITIES INCLUDE CONDUCTING INQUIRIES AND GATHERING INFOR-
MATION/INTELLIGENCE ON POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF CUSTOMS AND

RELATED U.S. LAWS. HIS OFFICIAL CONTACTS WOULD INCLUDE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND. CUSTOMS REPORTS HAVING FOUND IT NECESSARY TO DETAIL EMPLOYEES TO LONDON TO CONDUCT THESE ACTIVITIES IN RECENT MONTHS, THUS URGES EARLY APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR A RESIDENT POSITION. TREASURY ANTICIPATES UK GOVT WILL FULLY SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS SLOT. TREASURY CONSIDERS OFFICER POSITION EXCESS AT ROME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS BY COM LONDON ON TREASURY REQUEST. IF OTHER ADDRESSEES HAVE COMMENTS PLEASE REPEAT THEM INFO TO LONDON. FYI. IT IS DEPARTMENT'S IMPRESSION THAT IN RECENT PARM MESSAGE REVIEWS OF MISSION STAFFING NEITHER LONDON NOR ROME RECOMMENDED CHANGES/INCREASES IN CUSTOMS STAFFING. UNLESS ADDITIONAL OFFICER SLOT IS CLEARLY ESSENTIAL AT LONDON, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER TO USE THE EXCESS ROME SLOT FOR OTHER PURPOSES: EITHER (A) FOR ELIMINATION IN LINE WITH MODE EFFORT ADDRESSED RECENTLY IN OTHER MESSAGES OR (B) FOR USE AS OFFSET AGAINST OTHER PENDING TREASURY REQUESTS, INCLUDING ANOTHER CUSTOMS SERVICE REQUEST IN EUR AREA. PROPOSAL TO CONVERT AN FSL SLOT TO US CITIZEN STAFFING WILL PROBABLY NECESSITATE BREACHING TREASURY'S CURRENT WORLDWIDE MODE CEILING ON AMERICANS. NEED FOR SUCH A CONVERSION SHOULD BE VERY CAREFULLY CHECKED. END FYI. VANCE

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